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LETTERS

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To the Honorable *W. Lenthall* Esq;
Speaker to the Honorable House of Commons; Concerning the taking of

Hereford

On the 18. of this instant *Decem.* 1645.

BY

Colonell MORGAN Governour of *Gloucester*,

AND

Colonell JOHN BIRCH:

Wherein was taken, One hundred and twenty Lords, Knights and Officers in Commission, Eleven pieces of Ordnance, and great store of Ammunition.

London, Printed for *Edw. Husband*, Printer to the Honorable House of Commons, and are to be sold at his Shop at the Sign of the Golden Dragon in Fleetstreet, neer the Inner-Temple, *December* 22. 1645.

To the Honorable
William Lenthall Esq; Speaker
OF THE
Honorable Houſe
OF
COMMONS.

SIR,

I Deſire you to acquaint the Honorable Houſe of Parliament of my proceedings; Being commanded by the Committee of both Kingdoms, to make an Attempt upon *Hereford*: In which Deſign it pleaſed God exceedingly to bleſs us,

us, and the Souldiers going on with undaunted reſolution, made our entrance with ſmall loſſe; divers of the Enemy making reſiſtance in the ſtreet, were ſlain, and the reſt taken priſoners: VVe have already in cuſtody, One hundred and twenty Lords, Knights and Officers in Commiſsion, which are to be ſent to *Glouceſter*, moſt of them being Papiſts; the number of common Souldiers I cannot yet give you a right account of, in regard that many are brought in to the Marſhals hourly, which hid themſelves when they ſaw we were Maſters of the Town. My Forces were Eleven hundred Horſe and Foot, and Col: *Birch* Nine hundred

dred Foot: VVee found in the Town, Eleven peeces of Ordnance, and a reaſonable proportion of Ammunition; for other Arms I cannot give you an account of as yet, but hope by the next to give you an exact account of them, and of the priſoners alſo; which is all for preſent, but that I ſhall at all times be ready to ſhew my ſelf,

S I R,

Your humble Servant,

Hereford, the 18. of *Decem.* 1645. 12. at night.

THO: MORGAN.

To the Honorable VVilliam Lenthall *Esq; Speaker of the Honorable House of Commons:*

AND

Mr. PRIDEAUX.

Truly Honorable Sir,

I Conceived it my duty, to give you notice of that great Blessing the Lord hath been pleased to give to that small party that Colonell *Morgan* and my self made up of Foot and Horse, being about Two thousand, with which, when they were got together, I was very desirous, with Colonell *Morgan*, to try what we could do upon *Hereford*; it being so deep a Snow, that they could not possibly imagine we

we could march: which indeavour the Lord was pleaſed ſo to bleſſe, that we forcibly entred the Town with a ſmall loſſe, wherein we have priſoners, neer Thirty Knights, and ſo many Gentlemen, beſides the like number of Officers in Commiſsion, and many Souldiers, Eleven peeces of Ordnance, and many Arms: I deſire the Lord may have all the honour, whoſe work it was, and I ſhall ſtudy to ſet up the Lord Chriſt here, whileſt it ſhall continue under the command of

Your Honours moſt faithfull
Servant, *Iohn Birch.*

Hereford, 18. *Decem.*
1645.

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